

[Translation]

Additional Power Generation Capacity

302. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the additional power generation capacity in terms of thousand Megawatt for Ninth Plan;

(b) whether there is a proposal to make the constitution of Power Regulatory Board in States compulsory so that the rates of power in the States be kept atleast at the level which do not adversely affect the financial position of power sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The Capacity Addition Programme for the Ninth Five Year Plan is under finalisation by the Planning Commission.

(b) to (d) In accordance with Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power adopted after extensive consultations with States Governments, the Government of India is examining the issue of setting up of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and State Electricity

Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) enabling fixation of tariffs in an optimal and transparent manner.

[English]

Subsidies for Renewable Energy Projects

303. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidies available for renewable energy projects;

(b) the total quantum of energy produced so far in the country; and

(c) the target fixed for the last financial year and the level of achievement made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The details of subsidies available under various renewable energy programmes of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, are given in attached Statement-I.

(b) The total capacity of various renewable energy projects, systems and devices installed so far in the country, as on 31st March, 1997, is given in attached Statement-II.

(c) The details of target fixed for the last financial year and the level of achievement made, is given in attached Statement-III.

Statement-I

Subsidies available under various programmes of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources

Sl.No.	Programme	Subsidies available from the Ministry
1	2	3
1. Biomass Combustion-based Power :		
(i)	Capital Subsidy for Taluka level biomass based power plants (1 MW and above) in Co-operatives/State/Joint sector preferably with the involvement of NGOs (Under Demonstration Scheme).	Rs. 1.0 crore per MW. Subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 crores per project.
(ii)	Interest Subsidy for Biomass Combustion-based Electrical Power Plants for captive Biomass Projects (2 MW & above).	Maximum of Rs. 30 lakh per MW
(iii)	Interest subsidy for Biomass combustion based	Maximum of Rs. 45 lakh per MW.